

Micro Business Scholarship

Funded and administered by the Montana State Employers' Council
PO Box 1728, Helena, MT 59624-1728

Purpose: This scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance to a Montana-based Micro Business that wishes to attend the annual Innovation in Business Conference. Awarded funds will be used to attend the conference, or they will be returned to the MSEC. In the event the recipient cannot attend the conference, the MSEC may transfer the scholarship to any other nominee/applicant within the area/region of the conference.

Eligibility: Any Montana-based business that meets the current Department of Commerce's definition of a Micro Business. The business need not be a JSEC member, nor is the community required to have an active JSEC. The business does not need to provide documentation that they meet the Definition of a Micro Business, but must be willing to attest to the fact.

Definition of a Micro Business: A Montana-based business with 10 or fewer employees and a gross annual revenue of less than \$1,000,000.

Award: The Montana State Employers' Council will provide for expenses related to registration, transportation, lodging, and meals in order to attend the annual Innovation in Business Conference.

Selection: A drawing will be held at the Statewide JSEC meeting to determine the recipient for attendance at the next year's conference. The recipient will be announced at the annual meeting.

Payment: Conference registration and cost of hotel rooms will be coordinated between the State MSEC Coordinator and the MSEC Treasurer. Estimated mileage and meals (minus any provided at the conference) will be based on the current state per diem. A check from the MSEC will be sent prior to the conference to the MSEC Area Representative on behalf of the recipient.

Nomination Procedure: Nominations and/or applications are to be submitted to the MSEC Area Representatives, or the MSEC Officer residing in that area in the event there is no Area Representative. Area Representatives/MSEC Officers will submit nominations/applications to the State MSEC Coordinator. Nominations should include the business name, owner's name, and contact information.

Deadline: Nomination lists should be submitted to State MSEC Coordinator no later than April 1st each year. The nomination can be submitted by regular mail, fax or e-mail.

Nominations should be sent to: MSEC attn: Chris Wilhelm, PO Box 1728, Helena, MT 59624; fax # 406-444-3037; e-mail address: chriswilhelm@mt.gov